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SUBJ: FCIA CREDIT INSURANCE REQUEST - ORBIS TRADING
AND TECHNICAL CENTER

REF: STATE 03191

1. SUBJECT FIRM WTDR DATED JULY 1973 ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE.
REVISED VERSION BEING AIR POUCHED.

2. FIRM CONTINUES TO HAVE PROBLEMS COLLECTING PAST DUE
RECEIVABLES INCLUDING DEBTS OWED BY FORMER OFFICIALS NOW IN
DETENTION OR EXECUTED LAST NOVEMBER, WHOSE PROPERTIES HAVE
BEEN CONFISCATED BY GOVERNMENT. TERMS OF COMPENSATION
FOR FIRM'S AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY STILL UNDECIDED. EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, MANAGEMENT HAS INSTITUTED RULING NOT TO GIVE
CREDIT FACILITIES. IN VIEW COMPETITORS OFFERING SOME
FACILITIES, FIRM'S SALES EXPECTED TO DECLINE.

3. FIRM'S OPERATION NOT AFFECTED BY CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT,
ALTHOUGH MAJOR PRODUCT LINE, MERCEDES BENZ, AFFECTED BY
PUBLIC NOTICE PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF PASSENGER CARS
WITH ENGINE CAPACITY OF OVER 1300 CC.

4. EMBASSY AND USAID HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SALE REFTTEL.
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ORDERING 50 TRACTORS FROM GERMANY,
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BUY PAYING CASH.

5. FIRM IS INCORPORATED UNDER ETHIOPIAN LAW, WITH WHOLLY
FOREIGN OWNERSHIP. SHAREHOLDERS ARE: MR. ERNST HABERMANN
OF COMANO, SWITZERLAND; INTERSAFE GMBH OF BASEL, SWITZERLAND;
ETABL. FINANCIER EURO-AFRICAIN OF VADUZ, SWITZERLAND;
MRSM ANNI SCHARRENBROIEH OF MILAN, ITALY AND DR. ING.
HANS CHRISTIAN HABERMANN OF MILAN, ITALY.
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